

# WHAT IS A TRIBAL PARK?

*Did you know?*

80% OF THE WORLD'S  
REMAINING BIODIVERSITY IS  
ON LANDS CARED FOR BY  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES.

"EMPOWERING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TO  
PROTECT FORESTS"  
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A Tribal Park is sometimes called an Indigenous Protected & Conserved Area (or IPCA). Both represent a Indigenous-led model for stewardship of lands and resources for the long term. **Tribal Parks prioritize Indigenous rights and responsibilities by acknowledging the relationship between Indigenous peoples with land and waters.**

In 2018 the Indigenous Circle of Experts defined Tribal Parks and IPCAs as *“initiatives to protect lands and waters where Indigenous governments have the primary role in protecting and conserving ecosystems through Indigenous laws, governance, and knowledge systems.”*

A Tribal Park would allow some economic activities aligned with conservation goals and objectives. These could include eco-tourism ventures, guardian programs, arts & culture activities, outdoor education, or a healing centre.

A Tribal Park could include partnerships that support Sc'ianew self-determination (for instance with Crown governments, non-profit organizations, philanthropic funders, etc.)